

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David W. Cunningham

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For: **Method and System for Dispensing,
Tracking and Managing Pharmaceutical
Products**

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7 and 15 as follows:

1. A method of dispensing, tracking and managing pharmaceutical products utilizing prescribers, pharmacies, and a central computing station, comprising the steps of:

- a) forming a series of product cards by encoding on respective product cards information that identifies a particular pharmaceutical product;
- b) issuing the product cards to participating prescribers;
- c) activating the product cards after issuance to prescribers by the prescribers communicatively linking the product cards to the central computing station and wherein activation is established by the central computing station verifying the authenticity of the product cards, recording

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